

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-9, 15 and 16 will be pending, claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 having been amended and claims 2 and 10-14 having been cancelled without prejudice by this paper.

Allowed and Allowable Claims

The Applicant thanks the EXAMINER for indicating that Claims 2 to 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response thereto, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2, and has rewritten claims 5 and 7 in independent form. Accordingly, all pending claims are believed to be or to depend from allowable claims.

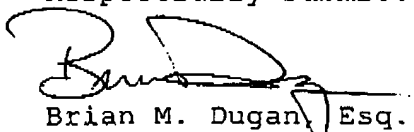
Rejection of Claims 1, 15 and 16

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 15 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,042,324 (Aggarwal et al.) and claims 1, 15 and 16 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aggarwal et al. In response thereto, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 (which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims). Claims 15 and 16 depend from amended claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1, 15 and 16 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

For the above reasons, the Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests

reconsideration and allowance of the same. A separate Request for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, with authorization to charge the requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicant does not believe any fees are due regarding this Amendment. If any fees are required, however, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicant encourages the EXAMINER to telephone Applicant's attorney should any issues remain.

Respectfully Submitted,



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